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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated March 21, 2003, restricting the invention to one of two groups of claims under 35 U.S.C. §121, Applicant hereby elects Group I for claims 1-16, drawn to a methods of crossing male and female elite corn varieties which contain the GaS allele, classified in class 800, subclass 271.

Respectfully submitted

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